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## October 1 Crop Forecast

Based on an October 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **COTTON** crop is forecast at 670,000 bales, up 30,000 bales from last month and 190,000 bales from a year ago. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 460,000 acres, 35 percent above last year. An estimated 440,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 30 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 731 pounds per acre, up 49 pounds from last year.

Alabama **CORN** plantings are estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from the September estimate and last year. Corn production is forecast at 25.68 million bushels, down 3.32 million bushels from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 107 bushels, is down 9 bushels from 2010. An estimated 240,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 4 percent from last year and unchanged from the September 1 estimate.

**SOYBEAN** production is expected to total 8.7 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's production of 8.97 million bushels. Based on the October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year's 26 bushels per acre yield. Planted acres of 300,000 decreased by 10,000 acres from September 1 and 50,000 acres from 2010. Harvested acres of 290,000 decreased by 5,000 acres from September 1 and 55,000 acres from 2010.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 467.6 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2010. An average yield of 2,800 pounds per acre is expected from 167,000 harvested acres. This is an increase of 200 pounds per acre from the previous forecast.

**CROP WEATHER:** Dry, cooler weather has entered the state with harvest underway. Yields varied across the state on all crops, dependant on time planted and rain fall. October 2<sup>nd</sup> crop conditions for cotton, corn, peanuts, and soybeans show the crops to be 7% very poor, 17% poor, 34% fair, 39% good and 3% excellent. Soil moisture levels as of October 2<sup>nd</sup> were reported at 11% very short, 25% short, 61% adequate and 3% surplus.

### Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, October 1

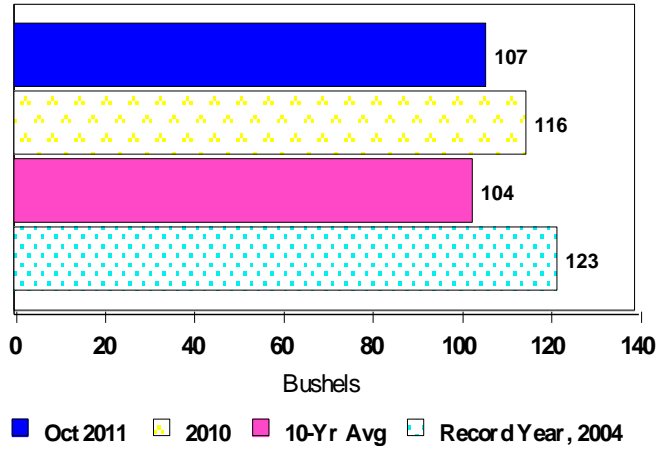
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	340	460	338	440	682	731	480	670
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	270	250	240	116.0	107.0	29,000	25,680
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	780	800	2.40	2.00	1,872	1,600
Soybeans	Bu.	350	300	345	290	26	30	8,970	8,700
Peanuts	Lb.	190	170	185	167	2,600	2,800	481,000	467,600
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	10,770.0	14,431.0	10,698.7	9,849.5	812	809	18.1	16.6
Corn for grain	Bu.	88,192	91,897	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	12,446.9	12,432.9
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	77.65	66.98
Soybeans	Bu.	77,404.0	74,996.0	76,610.0	73,676	43.5	41.5	3,329.2	3,060.0
Peanuts	Lb.	1,288.0	1,147.0	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,312	3,256	4,156.8	3,627.7

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

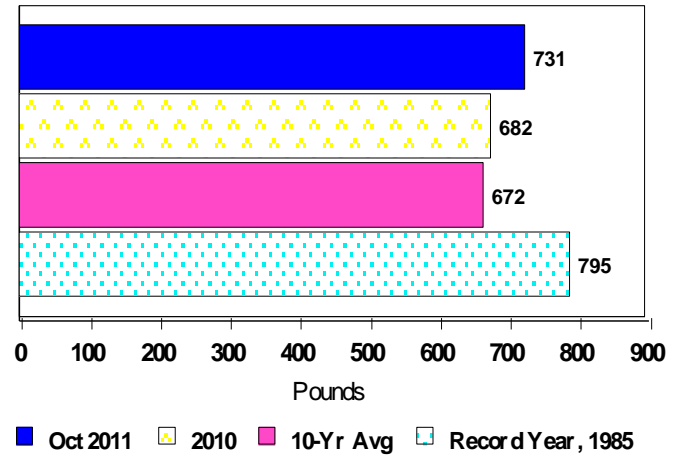
**Note:** Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

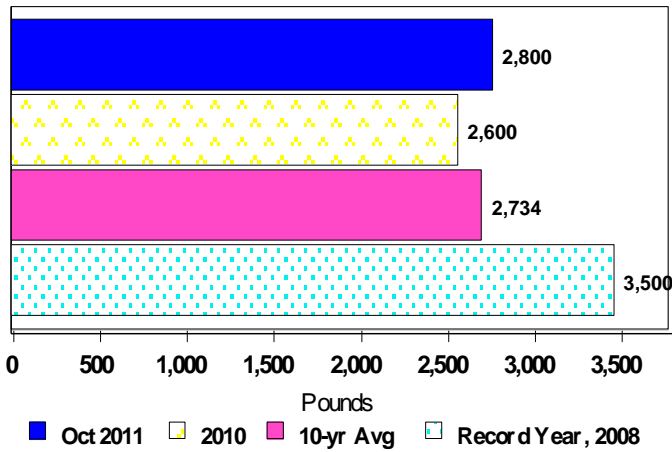
## Corn Yield



## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Soybean Yield

